GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Planning Department – Allegations against Sri I. Satyanarayana, the then Project Director, APMIP, Vizianagaram District presently working as Joint Director, Directorate of Economics& Statistics, Hyderabad on the irregularities committed in implementation of A.P. Micro Irrigation Project in Vizianagaram and Srikakulam Districts. – Disciplinary proceedings initiated under rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Articles of Charges framed – Written statement of defence submitted – Enquiry and Re-enquiry ordered – Reports received - Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PLANNING(III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No:312 **Dated:16.05.2016**

Read the following:

1. From the Agr. A1nd Cooperation Dept., U.O. Note No.13673/ Vig.I01/2012-2, Dated: 3-12-2012 along with GA (V&E) Dept., Appraisal report No.86 (C.No.489 /V&E (NR.2) / 2011), Dated 28-9-2012.
2. G.O.Rt.No.335, Planning (Vig.) Department, dated: 1-4-2013.
3. Explanation of Sri I. Satyanarayana, presently working as Joint Director, DE&S, Hyd., the then Project Director, APMIP, Vizianagaram Dist., through the DE&S, Hyd. Lr.No.20850/ Admin.I/A4/ 2012, Dated 23-4-2013.
4. G.O. Rt.No.548 Plg.(Vig.) Dept., dated 27.05.2013.
5. G.O. Rt.No.549 Plg.(Vig.) Dept., dated 27.05.2013.
6. From Sri V. Suryanarayana Sastry, Director and Enquiry Officer, Enquiry report dated 27.07.2013.
7. Govt. Memo No.8914/Plg.Vig./2012-3, dt.28.11.2013.
8. From Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P. Hyderabad Lr.No. APMIP/2589/E-II/2012, dated 12.02.2014.
9. Govt. Memo No.8914/Plg.Vig./2012-4, dt.17.02.2014.
10. From Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P. Hyderabad Lr.No. APMIP/2589/E-II/2012, dated 21.05.2014.
11. G.O.Rt.No.556 Plg.(III) Dept., dated 15.10.2015.
12. From Dr. K. Venu Gopal, Director and Enquiry Authority, Ground Water Department, Hyderabad Lr.No.10966/IA/2015, dated 30.02.2016.

* * * *

ORDER:

Whereas in the G.O. 2nd read above charges have been framed against Sri I.Satyanarayana, the then Project Director, APMIP, Vizianagaram District presently working as Joint Director, Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Hyderabad, based on the draft Articles of Charges received in the reference 1st read above from the Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P. on the irregularities committed in implementation of A.P. Micro Irrigation Project in Vizianagaram and Srikakulam Districts by sanctioning drip system on subsidy and made payment without verifying the assured power connection.

2. Whereas in the reference 3rd read above, the Accused Officer has submitted his written statement of defence, denying the charges framed against him and requested to drop the Articles of Charges stating that the Project Director is not responsible for lack of power supply in the three Blocks of CLDP and theft of the drip material in the three Villages of Cheepurupalli Mandal after handing over the drip material to the farmers under good condition.

3. Whereas as the Authority was not satisfied with the explanation submitted in the reference 3rd read above by the Charged Officer an inquiry was ordered in the G.O. 4th read above under rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against the Charged Officer, duly appointing Sri V. Suryanarayan Sastry, Director, A.P. Planning Department as Enquiry Authority and Sri D. Kali Prasad, Deputy Director, Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Hyderabad was appointed as Presenting Officer in the G.O. 5th read above.

(Contd..2..)

4. Whereas, in the reference 6th read above the Enquiry Officer has submitted his report and concluded that as per APMIP guidelines, 2003 and as observed from the facts put forth by the presenting officer, as observed and verified from the available records, the explanation given by Sri I.Satyanarayana, Joint Director, Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Hyderabad and the then Project Director APMIP, Vizianagaram district is found satisfactory**.**

5. Whereas in the reference 10th read above, the Commissioner of Horticulture has submitted to the Government that after installation of the MI System, as per APMIP guidelines, 2003, it is the responsibility of the farmer to ensure power connection and providing power supply to pumping unit of the irrigation source.

6. Whereas, as the Government not being satisfied with the Enquiry Report of the Departmental Officer , a re-enquiry was ordered in exercise of the powers conferred by sub rule (2) of rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 21(1) of the above said rules, in the reference 11th read above duly appointing outside Officer Dr. K. Venugopal, Director, Ground Water Department, B.R.K. Bhawan, Hyderabad as the Inquiry Authority and also in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (5)(c) of rule 20 of the above said rules Sri S. Sesharam, Deputy Director, O/o. the Director, Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Hyderabad, as Presenting Officer to re-inquire into the charges framed against the Charged Officer.

7. Whereas the Enquiry Officer has submitted his Enquiry Report in the reference 12th read above and has concluded that close reading of the defence statement of the Accused Officer as well as Manual of Instructions and Guidelines of A.P. Micro Irrigation Project, 2003, reveals that the responsibility of Electrical connection from power source from the switch board to the pump and other associated electrical and civil work lies with the beneficiary farmer is held responsible for the same. It was also mentioned in the guidelines that to safe guard, operate and maintain the MI System provision of water maintenance of design pressure, regular operational maintenance of system to maintain field capacity throughout crop life cycle lies with the beneficiary farmer and not with the Accused Officer and the charges framed against him are not held proved.

8. After careful examination of the written statement of defence of the Accused Officer, Enquiry Reports and the remarks of Commissioner of Horticulture, the Government hereby drop further action against Sri I.Satyanarayana, the then Project Director, APMIP, Vizianagaram District presently working as Joint Director, Directorate of Economics& Statistics, Hyderabad.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P.TUCKER
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri I. Satyanarayana, Joint Director,
Directorate of Economics& Statistics, Hyderabad.

Copy to the

Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Government of Andhra Pradesh.
P.S. to Minister for Finance & Planning, Andhra Pradesh.
Peshi of Chief Secretary, Andhra Pradesh.
The Director, Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Hyderabad, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Vigilance Commissioner, A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad.
The Agriculture & Cooperation (Vig.I) Department.
The Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Hyderabad
SF/SC

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER